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# **Introductory Information on Pre-college Credit Acquisition**

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# Definitions

- Transfer: the movement of a student from one institution to another, with or without academic credit, when the student acknowledges previous academic history.
- Articulation: comparison of course(s) (content, requirements) between two institutions, either ad hoc or via formal agreements, that is distinct from transfer.
- Dual Enrollment: a program through which high school students may enroll in college courses while still enrolled in high school. Students are not required to apply for admission to the college in order to participate.
- Dual Credit: a program through which high school students are enrolled in advanced-study courses that fulfill high school graduation requirements and may earn college credits.
- Dual Admission: when a qualified applicant is simultaneously accepted by a two-year and a four-year institution and, upon successful completion of an associate degree, is automatically enrolled in the four-year institution.
- Advanced Study/Placement: College-level courses offered proprietarily (AP; IB) in high school. Students may take a test at the completion of the course or instead of the course; acceptable scores allow students to earn college credit and/or to “place out” of some courses/requirements.



# Transfer

## Community College Students Who Transferred to a Four-Year Institution

	<u>Earned an Associate Degree the Previous Year</u>		<u>Without Earning an Associate Degree</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private Nonprofit</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private Nonprofit</u>	
<u>2008</u>	1,809	251	3,881	996	6,907
<u>2001</u>	1,183	198	3,418	725	5,524
<u>1993</u>	1,079	158	1,738	173	3,148



# Dual Enrollment

## High School Dual Enrollment

	<b><u>Four-year Publics</u></b>	<b><u>Two-year Publics</u></b>	<b><u>Private Nonprofits</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b><u>2009-10</u></b>	<b>583</b>	<b>26,436</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>27,255</b>
<b><u>2001-02</u></b>	<b>203</b>	<b>11,523</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11,759</b>
<b><u>1993-94</u></b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3,793</b>



# Uniform Certificate of General Studies

HB 1066 (2010) requires SCHEV to:

*Develop a uniform certificate of general studies program, in consultation with the Virginia Community College System and Virginia public institutions of higher education, to be offered at each community college in Virginia. Such programs shall ensure that a community college student who completes the one-year certificate program shall be able to transfer all credits to a four-year public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth upon acceptance to the institution.*